



NEW JERSEY GOVERNMENT RECORDS COUNCIL

Administrative Complaint Disposition – No Records Responsive to the Request Exist

Alfred Tard-El
Complainant

GRC Complaint No. 2025-430

v.

Borough of Hopewell (Mercer)
Custodial Agency

Custodian of Record: Regina Toth
Request Received by Custodian: December 8, 2025
GRC Complaint Received: December 31, 2025

Complaint Disposition: The Custodian certified that she responded to the Complainant in writing within the statutorily mandated response time indicating that no individual surety bonds¹ responsive to the OPRA request exist. Additionally, the Complainant failed to provide any evidence to contradict the Custodian’s certification. Thus, this complaint shall be dismissed because the evidence of record reflects that no responsive records exist.

Applicable OPRA Provision: “‘Government record’ or ‘record’ means any paper, written or printed book, document, drawing, map, plan, photograph, microfilm, data processed or image processed document, information stored or maintained electronically or by sound-recording or in a similar device, or any copy thereof, that has been made, maintained or kept on file in the course of his or its official business” N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1.1.

This is the final administrative determination in this matter. Any further review should be pursued in the Appellate Division of the Superior Court of New Jersey within forty-five (45) days. Information about the appeals process can be obtained from the Appellate Division Clerk’s Office, Hughes Justice Complex, 25 W. Market St. PO Box 006, Trenton, NJ 08625-0006.

Effective Date of Disposition: February 24, 2026

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Date: February 17, 2026

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¹ The Custodian produced in the alternative a copy of the Borough’s current insurance policy and noted that employees had not been individually bonded since 2021.